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SUBJ: REPORTED PRC PURCHASE SOYBEAN OIL

REF: A) STATE 054701; B) PEKING 76 A-74

1. UNABLE TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON PRC SOYBEAN OIL TENDER (REF A).
2. CHINA NEWS SERVICE REPORTED INCREASED PRODUCTION OF OIL BEARING CROPS IN INNER MOOLIA, TIBET, HUNAN AND HONAN PROVINCES BUT MADE NO MENTION OF PRODUCTION IN OTHER PROVINCES. LANG OF CARGILL TOLD US LAST FALL THAT HE HAD M PPRESSION THAT 1976 PRC RAPESEED CROP WAS SMALLER THAN EXPECTED.
3. CHINESE PRESS (REF B) REPORTS 75-6 COTTON PRODUCTION GREATER THAN PREVIOUS YEAR IN PROVINCES OF KIANGSU, SINKIANG, HUPEH, HUNAN, SHANSI, HONAN, ANHWEI AND SHANTUNG. NO PRESS REPORTS WERE SEEM ON OUT TURN OF COTTON CROP IN SZECHWAN, HOPEH OR SHENSI. JAPANESE EMBASSY CONTACT

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OBSERVED THAT 1976 COTTON CROP IN HOPEH WAS ABOUT EQUAL THAT OF 1975.

4. CHINESE NEWS SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 7 REPORTED THAT IN 1976 THE TOTAL PRODUCTION OF COTTON AND OIL BEARING CROPS IN PRC SHOWED REMARKABLE INCREASE DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THEN, ON DECEMBER 29, CHINESE PRESS

REPORTED THAT FOR ALL CHINA IN 1976 "GRAIN OUTPUT HIT AN ALL-TIME HIGH AND THAT OUTPUT OF SUGAR CROPS, HEMP AND JUTE, TOBACCO, TEA AND SILK COCOONS ALL TOPPED LAST YEAR." NO MENTION WAS MADE LN EITHER COTTON OR OIL-BEARING SEED OUTPUT. THE OMISSION FROM THE REPORT OF THESE TWO IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CROPS COULD INDICATE REDUCED PRODUCTION OF ONE OR BOTH.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DURING 1976 BECAUSE OF UNFAVORABLE SPRING WEATHER CONDITIONS SOME ACREAGE OF COTTON AND OILSEEDS CROPS WAS SHIFTED TO GRAIN AND/OR IRRIGATION WATER, FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE INPUTS WERE DIVERTED TO GRAINS FROM OTHER CROPS.

6. PATTON OF PLAINS COTTON IN FEBRUARY SHOWED US SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR PRC COTTON WHICH PLACED 1976 PRODUCTION AT 10.8 MILLION BALES, DOWN 400,000 BALES FROM EARLIER ESTIMATE. HE WAS NOT CERTAIN OF THE SOURCE OF THE ESTIMATE, BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE COME FROM USDA. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT RALLI BROTHERS, LONDON HAD ESTIMATED THE CROP AT 11 MILLION BALES, 205,000 ABOVE THE 1975 CROP.

7. WE SUSPECT THAT INCREASED VEGETABLE OIL IMPORT NEED NOT BE AS MUCH RELATED TO INCREASED DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND OUT TURN OF OIL-BEARING CROPS AS TO LEVEL OF COTTON PRODUCTION.

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